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In re Application of  
Brian M. Hauge et al.  
Application No. 09/754,853  
Filed: January 5, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. 16517.187

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 30, 2003, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed December 11, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 12, 2003.

The patent file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1638 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

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